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REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22, 33, 36, and 39 have been amended, and claims 5, 6, 15, 17, 21, 30-32 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-4, 7-14, 16-20,22-29, 33-44, and 46-48 are pending, and claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-29, 33-38, and 42-43 are under consideration.

ENTRY OF AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

It is respectfully requested that this After Final Amendment be entered and reconsideration given to the allowability of the pending claims. The above amendments merely incorporate similar allowable features from previously allowable claims 31-33, with differing scope and breadth. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all the independent claims now include allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no new issues have been raised and that no additional search will be required.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this After Final Amendment be entered and reconsideration given to the allowability of the claims.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-29, 33-38, and 42-43 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over <u>Osborne</u>, U.S. Patent No. 5,797,279, in view of <u>Bustos et al.</u>, U.S. Patent No. 5,458,407. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of review and only as an example, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that refrigerator has an upper and lower cabinets, a base member having a cool air generating part, a shaft rotatably supporting the cabinets, supplying the cabinets with the cool air generated by the cool air generating part, and exhausting the air in the cabinets to the cool air generating part for recycling the air.

Osbome sets forth a refrigeration system (see 10 in Fig. 1) including a refrigerator (20) and a vertical shaft (30) and compartmentalized drums (see 40, 50 and 60 in Fig. 4) installed in the refrigerator (20), as also shown in Fig. 3. The combined structure of the vertical shaft, the compartmentalized drums, etc., installed in the refrigerator (20), is further shown in Fig. 5.

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Thus, in <u>Osborne</u>, the refrigerator may be used in all directions, but requires a refrigeration system having a <u>plurality of drums inside a conventional refrigerator</u>.

In addition, the cabinets, the base member and the shaft of the present invention realizes the refrigerator housing itself, e.g., which may be independently positioned and moved about. However, the drums, the shaft, etc., in Osborne do not realize a refrigerator housing but realize only accessories installed in a refrigerator.

Further, regarding <u>Bustos et al.</u>, <u>Bustos et al.</u> only discloses a merchandising display having a plurality of shelves (29a, 30a) rotatably installed in the housing (12) and refrigeration unit (44), as shown in Fig. 2 of <u>Bustos et al.</u>

According to <u>Bustos et al.</u>, only the shelves (29a, 30a) can rotate <u>in the housing</u> (12), which is fixed.

However, independent claim 1 of the present invention doesn't have a corresponding housing but has only cabinets and a base member, with the cabinets rotating around the shaft.

Further, <u>Bustos et al.</u> only sets forth a partition (34) having V-shaped portion (35) and rear flared portion (36) attached to the rear wall of the housing (12), as shown in Fig. 3, thereby forming a central hole (28) between the partition (34) and the rear wall of the housing (12). Here, cool air can be supplied through the central hole (28).

However, according to <u>Bustos et al.</u>, <u>the partition (34) functions only as a cool air</u> <u>duct</u>

Conversely, the shaft of the presently claimed invention functions as not only a cool air duct but also a rotatably supporting member.

Accordingly, in addition to the <u>Osborne</u> and <u>Bustos et al.</u> failing to disclose all the claimed features of the presently dalmed invention, it is respectfully submitted that it would not have been obvious to combine the two to disclose the presently claimed invention.

If an ordinary skilled person were to combine <u>Osborne</u> and <u>Bustos et al.</u>, the ordinary person would install the drums (40, 50, 60) and the shaft (30) of <u>Osborne</u> into the housing (12) of <u>Bustos et al.</u>

Also, the partition (34) of <u>Bustos et al.</u> would lead the same skilled person to do the same for supplying cool air installed in the inside wall of the housing (12).

Therefore, the cabinets of the claim 1, which also comprise refrigerator housing and can be rotated, would not have been obvious in view of either Osborne or Bustos et al., alone or in

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combination.

In addition, the shaft of the claim 1, which functions as a cool air duct (both for supply and exhaust) as well as rotatably supporting member for the cabinets, would not have been obvious in view of either <u>Osborne</u> or <u>Bustos et al.</u>, alone or in combination.

It is respectfully submitted that the remaining independent claims include at least similar allowable features, with differing scope and breadth.

Therefore, for at least the above, it is respectfully requested that this rejection of claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-29, 33-38, and 42-43 be withdrawn and claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-29, 33-38, and 42-43 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted.

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